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Patterson Announces Grants for Arts

MCACA and MHC Award 7th Senate District Grants

LANSING – As a member of the Downriver Council of the Arts and the Belleville Council of the Arts, Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, announced today that the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) donated a portion of its semi-annual grants to support a wide diversity of artistic and cultural programs throughout the 7th district.

MCACA, in collaboration with Michigan Humanities Council (MHC), granted the follow city organizations funding for their projects (projects are listed):

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| • | Plymouth | Farrand Elementary | Brainstormers |
| • | Belleville | Fred C. Fisher Library | O.J. Anderson |
| • | Plymouth | Plymouth Downtown Development Authority | Ralsin Pickers |
| • | Woodhaven | City of Woodhaven/Dept. of Parks & Recreation | The Spoon Man |
| • | Trenton | Trenton Coop Nursery | Clown Capers/Jestorians |
| • | Northville | Our Lady of Victory School PTO | Jerry Jacoby |
| • | Trenton | Trenton Rotary Foundation, Inc. | Clown Capers/Jestorians |
| • | New Boston | St. Stephen Parents Guild | Scheer Assembly Shows |

“I am pleased the MHC and the MCACA are taking initiative in supporting my local non-profit organizations. Their efforts to work with local communities will bring more awareness to the important role arts and culture have in our communities,” Patterson said.

The program, called Michigan’s Arts and Humanities Touring Program, assists various projects ranging from school assembly musical performances to library storytellers. The programs are hosted and sponsored by community schools, libraries, museums, festivals, art councils and other non-profit organizations.

Michigan Humanities Council, a non-profit organization, founded in 1974, administers Michigan’s Arts and Humanities Touring Programs in partnership with MCACA. It is the state’s independent, non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.